

# PAKISTAN



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## History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with Pakistan in 2010.<sup>1</sup> The partnership has focused on strengthening the Parliament of Pakistan in the areas of defense oversight, committee operations, and legislative research services. HDP has sent congressional delegations to Pakistan and organized trainings for visiting members of parliament and parliamentary staff in Washington, D.C and abroad.



## HDP Engagement with the Parliament of Pakistan

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** Since 2009, MPs from Pakistan have participated in five MP seminars. The topics of these seminars included defense oversight, committee operations, budget analysis, and the role of parliament in strengthening public integrity systems. In 2017, HDP also conducted a regional seminar with MPs from Pakistan on the topic of technology and legislative openness.
- **Staff Seminars:** Since 2010, HDP has conducted three staff seminars with parliamentary staff from Pakistan. These seminars focused on strengthening committee operations and legislative research services.

## HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized four congressional delegations to Pakistan.
  - May 2008
  - November 2009
  - April 2010
  - February 2012

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<sup>1</sup> At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.